

craft, whether as observers or participants, taking part in regattas, amateur or professional, that may hereafter be held on navigable waters, the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered in his discretion to detail revenue cutters to enforce such rules and regulations as may be adopted to insure the safety of passengers on said excursion steamers, yachts, oarsmen and all craft, whether as observers or participants, taking part in such regattas.

Regulations to secure safety of passengers.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 200.—An Act To establish the port of Conneaut, in the State of Ohio, as a subport of entry in the district of Cuyahoga, in said State of Ohio.

May 19, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the port of Conneaut, in the State of Ohio, be, and the same is hereby, declared to be a subport of entry in the district of Cuyahoga, in said State of Ohio, from and after the passage of this Act.

Conneaut, Ohio.
Made subport of entry Cuyahoga district.
R. S. sec. 2402, p. 515, amended.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 201.—An Act To abolish days of grace on promissory notes, drafts, and so forth, in the District of Columbia.

May 19, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on all notes, drafts, checks, acceptances, bills of exchange, bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness made, drawn, or accepted by any person or corporation after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and in which there is no expressed stipulation to the contrary, no grace, according to the custom of merchants, shall be allowed in the District of Columbia, but the same shall be due and payable as therein expressed, without grace.

District of Columbia.
Days of grace on negotiable paper abolished January 1, 1897.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 202.—An Act To restore the lands embraced in the Fort Lewis Military Reservation, in the State of Colorado, to the public domain.

May 19, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lands included in the Fort Lewis Military Reservation, in Colorado, established by Executive order of date January twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and located in townships thirty-four and thirty-five north, of ranges ten, eleven, and twelve west of the New Mexico principal meridian, are hereby restored to the public domain.

Fort Lewis Military Reservation, Colo.
Restored to public domain.

SEC. 2. That said lands shall be subject to occupation, settlement, entry, purchase, and disposal under the public land laws of the United States, except so much thereof as may be embraced in sections heretofore reserved for school purposes, to wit, sections thirty-three, thirty-four, and thirty-five, in township thirty-five north, of range eleven west; also sections nine, ten, eleven, and twelve, in township thirty-four north, of range eleven west, and also what will be sections one, two, three, and four, in township thirty-four north, of range eleven west, when surveyed: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to interfere with any rights which may have accrued previous to the withdrawal of said lands for the purposes of such reservation, and excluding all general school sections.

Open to entry.

School sections.

Provido.
Vested rights.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 203.—An Act To permit the Pintsch Compressing Company to lay pipes in certain streets in the city of Washington.

District of Columbia.
Pintsch Compress-
ing Company may lay
pipes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to grant to the Pintsch Compressing Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and having a plant located in square two hundred and sixty-nine in said city, permission to lay pipes for the distribution of the gas manufactured at its plant for the purpose of furnishing light to railway cars and the gas buoys of the United States Light-House Board in the following-named streets in said city of Washington, to wit: From the works or plant of said company in square two hundred and sixty-nine along Maryland avenue to Sixth street west; thence along Sixth street to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad depot; also continuing along Maine avenue to Third street west, and thence along Third street to B street north, thence along B street north to First street west, thence along First street west to Indiana avenue, and thence along Indiana avenue to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot, and also across Thirteenth and E streets to the yards of the Southern Railway; also from their said plant or station along Thirteenth-and-a-half street southwest, or along such other street or streets as agreed upon, to the Potomac River; that said pipe lines shall be laid under the direction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Location.

Security for compli-
ance with permit.

SEC. 2. That said Pintsch Compressing Company shall furnish said Commissioners with bond or bonds or such other security as they may require to guarantee the strict compliance with the permit that may be granted said company, and to insure the complete restoration of all pavements and other public or private property disturbed in laying said pipe line as aforesaid.

Relaying, etc.

SEC. 3. That said Pintsch Compressing Company shall also lower or relay any pipes whenever directed to do so by said Commissioners by reason of a change in the grade of the streets or the construction of any public works therein.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 204.—An Act Amending the statutes relating to the sale of printed copies of patents.

Patent Office.
Sale of copies of
specifications, etc.
R. S., sec. 493, p. 82,
amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes be, and the same hereby is, amended by striking out the words "withiu the limits of ten cents as the minimum and fifty cents as the maximum price," in lines three and four, and substituting in lieu thereof, "*Provided*, That the maximum cost of a copy shall be ten cents," so that the section so amended shall read as follows:

Cost of uncertified
copies reduced.

"**SEC. 493.** The price to be paid for uncertified printed copies of specifications and drawings of patents shall be determined by the Commissioner of Patents: *Provided*, That the maximum cost of a copy shall be ten cents."

Provido.
Maximum.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 205.—An Act To authorize and regulate the sale of unclaimed freight, baggage, and other property in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Unclaimed freight,
etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any freight, baggage, or other property transported by a common carrier to, or deposited with a common carrier at, any point in the District of Columbia, shall remain unclaimed by the owner or consignee, or the charges